

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A computing environment comprising:  
a plurality of file server[[s]];  
a file system adapted to store software and data and that is also adapted to be accessible to the file server[[s]], said software usable to provide services; and

a minimally configured workstation adapted to couple to the file server[[s]] and to a client computer;

wherein, in response to a request from the client computer, said software is provided from the file system to the workstation via the file server so that the workstation is re-configured as a server that provides said services to the client computer.

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~~wherein the minimally configured workstation is adapted to cause at least some software that is not permanently stored on the workstation to be temporarily transferred to the minimally configured workstation from the file system via at least one of the file servers when requested by the client computer; and~~

~~wherein the client computer is adapted to utilize the at least some software temporarily transferred to the minimally configured workstation~~

2. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file system comprises a centralized database.
3. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file server comprises a database server.